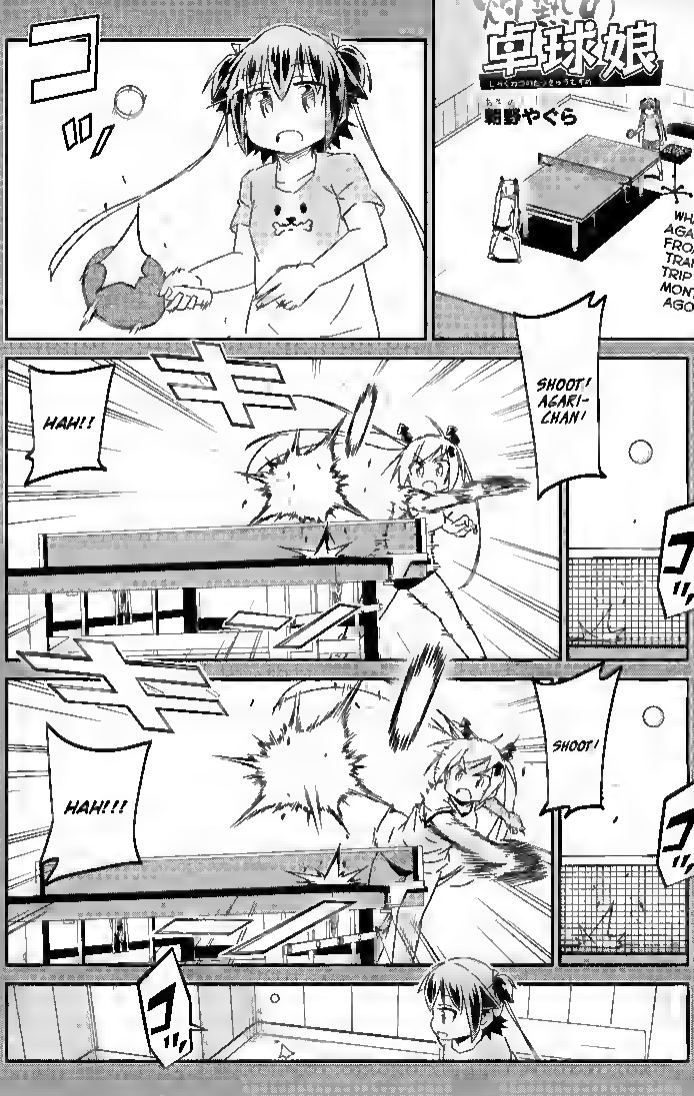
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WHAT DID AGARI GET FROM THE TRAINING TRIP TWO MONTHS AGO?!
SHOOT! AGARI-CHAN!
HAH!!
SHOOT!
HAH!!!

JUST AS EXPECTED!
THE HIGHER THE BALL COMES AT YOU
THE MORE THREATENING YOUR SMASH GETS!
RIGHT... ISN'T THAT OBVIOUS THOUGH?
THE HIGHER THE BALL, THE EASIER IT IS TO GET IT INTO THE COURT
EXACTLY!
AS THINGS ARE RIGHT NOW...
YOU'RE STILL UNABLE TO USE 100% OF YOUR POWER WHEN SMASHING.
I SEE
THAT MIGHT BE A FATAL SHORTCOMING FOR HER

CAP-TAIN?!
I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF WATCHING YOU TWO.
SO YOU'RE DOING SOME SPECIAL TRAINING TO ENHANCE YOUR SMASH?
YES, BUT
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY FATAL SHORTCOMING?!
I'M TALKING ABOUT THE FACT THAT YOU'RE CURRENTLY UNABLE TO PUT YOUR FULL STRENGTH INTO YOUR SMASHES.
AFTER ALL, THEY CLEARLY BECOME LESS THREATENING WHEN THE BALL COMES AT YOU LOWER, WHEN IT'S HARDER TO GET IT INSIDE THE COURT.
B-BUT... WHAT'S THE POINT OF SHOOTING WITH FULL POWER IF I CAN'T GET THE BALL IN?!
I CAN'T GET THOSE LOWER BALLS INSIDE THE COURT UNLESS I CONTROL MY STRENGTH!
THAT PRUDENCE IS YOUR SHORT-COMING.
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"EVEN IF YOU FAIL TO HIT THE BALL INSIDE THE COURT,
IF YOU MANAGE TO INTIMIDATE YOUR OPPONENT, YOU COULD SAY YOUR SMASH WAS A SUCCESS."
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...OR SO MUNEMUNE SAID WHEN SHE WAS GETTING A LITTLE CONCEITED FROM GETTING A BUNCH OF SMASHES RIGHT.
...
YOU KNOW, THE SMASH IS A SPECIAL TECHNIQUE WHERE YOU STRIKE THE OPPONENT WITH YOUR HEART
IF YOU LET THEM TAKE THAT AWAY FROM YOU, NOT ONLY WILL IT HAVE AN IMPACT ON YOUR FIGHTING SPIRIT, BUT YOU'LL MAKE YOUR OPPONENT MORE CONFIDENT TOO.
IF YOU'RE SHOOTING HALF-BAKED SMASHES, FAVORING RELIABILITY, YOU MIGHT AS WELL NOT EVEN SHOOT THEM.
A SMASH HAS NO VALUE UNLESS THE SHOOTER IS PREPARED TO GO DOWN WITH HONOR!

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SHOOT WITH... MY FULL STRENGTH ...
SO... ARE YOU SAYING I'M NOT SUITED FOR SMASHES?
WELL, RIGHT NOW YOU'RE NOT.
HOW-EVER
ISN'T THAT PRECISELY WHY
YOU'RE DOING THIS SPECIAL TRAINING?
AM I RIGHT, KOYORI-CHAN?
NOD!
NOD!
NOD!
RIGHT!
IF YOU COULD CREATE A SITUATION WHERE THE BALL IS HIGH ENOUGH FOR YOU TO FEEL ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF

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...THEN I THINK YOU'D BE ABLE TO SMASH WITH 100% OF YOUR POWER!!

...FIRST YOU HAVE TO EVOLVE THAT TECHNIQUE TO THE NEXT LEVEL.
BUT, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THAT...

NOW WE'RE TALKING.
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IT'S TIME TO UP THE SPIN
OF THE LOOP DRIVE!

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PIGGY BACK SQUATS !!
THIS IS SUPPOSED TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF SPIN ON HER LOOP DRIVE?
SO,
LET'S BEGIN!!
COME ON, AGARI-CHAN!
G-GOT IT...
LOOP DRIVE
SQUAT
TRAINING YOUR LEGS AND BACK THOROUGHLY LIKE THIS SHOULD DEFINITELY ALLOW YOU TO SHOOT A FEARSOME LOOP DRIVE!
THE LOOP DRIVE IS ALL ABOUT USING THE KNEES TO MAKE THE BALL SPIN VIGOROUSLY!
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I'VE FINALLY FOUND A WAY TO IMPROVE MY SMASH ..
I CAN'T WAIT ANOTHER SECOND, I WANT TO BE ABLE TO SHOOT THE IDEAL LOOP DRIVE!
I'LL DO ANYTHING IN ORDER TO BECOME STRONGER!
LOOK, WHY DON'T YOU JUST DO NORMAL SQUATS, THEN?
I CAN DO IT!
SHE CAN DO IT..
TRAINING TOO HARD WILL HAVE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT, YOU KNOW?
I'LL BE FINE!
FINE!
...
N-NO WAY! I CAN DO IT!
SHE CAN DO IT!
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SO-- SORRY. THIS IS SCARIER THAN I THOUGHT.
KOYORI.. STOP CLINGING TO MY HEAD EVERY TIME I GET UP.
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WELL --!
THIS WILL GIVE YOU SOME WELL-BALANCED STRENGTH ON YOUR TRUNK, ON TOP OF STRENGTHENING YOUR KNEES, SO IT'S PRETTY EFFECTIVE AS AN EXERCISE.
HOWEVER, THE LOAD IS A BIT TOO HEAVY WITH KOYORI-CHAN ON TOP OF YOU! YOU SHOULD STOP THAT.

DO YOU WANT TO END UP LIKE I DID?
UM... NO... I...
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BUT... I WANTED TO DO SOMETHING THAT FELT LIKE SPECIAL TRAINING, I MEAN...
I DON'T WANT TO PUT THIS IDEA THAT KOYORI THOUGHT OF FOR ME TO WASTE!
YOU STILL HAVE A LONG ROAD AHEAD OF YOU, THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH YOUR DEVELOPMENT!
EHEHE... JUST KIDDING!
HMM... BUT LIFTING KOYORI-CHAN IS TOO MUCH FOR YOU
WE NEED TO FIND SOMETHING MORE APPRO-PRIATE
SYSTEM TRAINING
GAME FORMAT
FREE TRAINING
NG
THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR NIPPONICHI-SENSEI!!

THIS IS A SUZUME-GAHARA TRADITION, YOU SEE?
SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN HIGHLY VALUED FOR HER ROLE AS A NICE WEIGHT AROUND HERE.
SORRY, TEACH, CAN YOU HELP US OUT AGAIN THIS YEAR?
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THI-... THIS REALLY IS NICE.
AH... I MEAN, THIS IS NICE, MA'AM!
Hmm!
Hmm!
Hmm! Hmhmm! Hmm! Hmhmm!
GOOD. SHE'S REALLY HAPPY THAT SHE'S ABLE TO HELP US OUT, TOO.
SHE HELPED ME OUT WHEN I WAS PRACTICING SMASHES TOO, DIDN'T SHE?
Sure brings me back!
WELL, THAT'S IT FOR STRENGTH TRAINING... BUT DON'T FORGET TO ALSO WORK ON YOUR TECHNIQUE!
OF COURSE!
IN THAT CASE...
I'LL HELP YOU PRACTICE LOOP DRIVES AND SMASHES, OKAY?!
I'LL BE YOUR PRACTICE PARTNER, OKAY?!
SCORE!
I CAN DO THIS! I'M SURE OF IT!
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I'LL PERFORM THE ENHANCED SMASH!
(AGARI) 0 - 4 (KUMAMI)

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AND SO, EVERY DAY...
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I DID THE SPECIAL TRAINING FOR THE ENHANCED SMASH.
EVEN AFTER THE TRAINING TRIP, ON TOP OF REGULAR PRACTICE ...
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ONE WEEK BEFORE THE TOUR-NAMENT.
HOW-EVER ...
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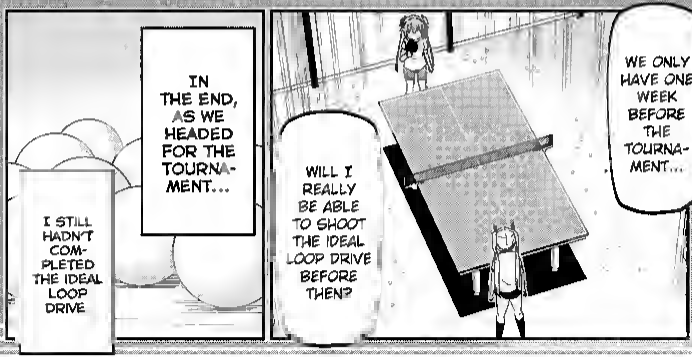
TRAINING EVERY DAY REALLY DID INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF SPIN ON MY LOOP DRIVE.
BUT IT'S STILL FAR FROM ENOUGH TO PROVOKE THE IDEAL HIGH BALL
I NEED MORE SPIN.
AT THIS HEIGHT, I STILL GET COLD FEET.
I CAN'T SHOOT A SMASH WITH MY FULL STRENGTH.
BUT!

EVERYTHING NEEDS TO FALL INTO PLACE TO CREATE A SUPER POWERFUL SPIN IT'S AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TECHNIQUE.
THE PERFECT SWING, ANGLE, TIMING...


I STILL HADN'T COMPLETED THE IDEAL LOOP DRIVE
IN THE END, AS WE HEADED FOR THE TOURNAMENT...
WILL I REALLY BE ABLE TO SHOOT THE IDEAL LOOP DRIVE BEFORE THEN?
WE ONLY HAVE ONE WEEK BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT...

INCOMPLETE... BUT!!

SHAKUNETSU NO TAKKYUU MUSUME 22-2...END